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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Sampson, J.

Serial No.: 09/358,141

Examiner: Zara, J.

Filing Date: July 20, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1635

Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH REDUCED SECONDARY  
STRUCTURE

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail stop Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY       |  |                        |  |                         |             |                           |
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| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | (3)<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4)<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEES |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                      |  | MINUS                  |  | = 0                     | X \$18      | \$ 0                      |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                                     |  | MINUS                  |  | = 0                     | X \$86      | \$ 0                      |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |  |                        |  |                         | + \$290     | \$ 0                      |
| EXTENSION<br>FEE                                     | 1ST MONTH<br>\$110.00                      | 2ND MONTH<br>\$420.00  | 3RD MONTH<br>\$950.00                        | 4TH MONTH<br>\$1480.00  |             | \$ 0                      |
| OTHER FEES   |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$                        |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT              |  |                        |  |                         |             | \$ 0                      |

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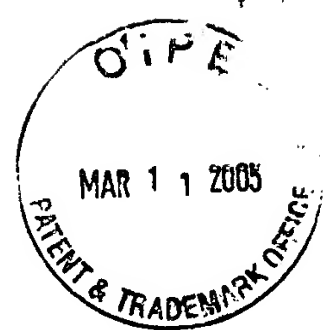
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.**

**§1.121**

This Response is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 15, 2005.

The following listing of claims is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is March 15, 2005. Applicant thus submits that the present Response submitted on February 25, 2005 is timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.